

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 5 and 12-20 are cancelled, claims 1 and 6 are amended, and no new claims are added.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges notification that claims 5-6 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 5. Amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Likewise, claims 2-4 and 6-11, which depend on claim 1, are in condition for allowance. Applicant has cancelled claims 5 and 12-20.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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